

to the present embodiments.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5                   1. A robot including a moving mechanism for  
causing the robot to move freely, comprising:  
                  a communication section which wirelessly connects  
to a communication line;  
                  a detection section which detects a request  
10               provided by a user;  
                  a storing section which stores a message and a  
telephone number; and  
                  a telephone control section which causes the  
communication section to dial the telephone number stored  
15               in the storing section in response to the detection section  
detecting the request provided by the user, and then  
delivers the message stored in the storing section as a  
voice message to a receiver when the receiver responds.
- 20                   2. A robot according to claim 1, wherein the  
storing section stores a plurality of telephone numbers and  
a plurality of messages respectively associated with the  
plurality of telephone numbers,  
                  wherein the detection section detects a plurality  
25               of modes of requests, and  
                  wherein the telephone control section dials a  
telephone number according to a mode of request detected by

the detection section, and delivers a message associated with the dialed telephone number.

3. A robot according to claim 1, further  
5 comprising a microphone and a speaker, and wherein the telephone control section causes, after delivering the message to the receiver, the communication section to be in a state of communication using the microphone and the speaker.

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4. A robot according to claim 1, further comprising an e-mail transmission function,

wherein the storing section further stores an e-mail address and a message associated with the e-mail,

15 wherein the detection section detects a plurality of modes of requests, and

wherein the telephone control section transmits, according to a mode of request detected by the detection section, the message associated with the e-mail address  
20 stored in the storing section.

5. A robot according to claim 4, wherein the telephone control section dials a telephone number according to a mode of request detected by the detection  
25 section when the detected mode of request is a telephone mode, and then the telephone control section transmits the message to the e-mail address stored in the storing section

when a receiver does not respond.

6. A robot according to claim 1, further comprising:

5           a microphone;

          a voice recognition section which recognizes that the robot is called based on a voice received by the microphone; and

10           a movement control section which controls, when the voice recognition section recognizes that the robot is called, the moving mechanism so as to move the robot closer to a speaker who is calling the robot.